THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) This project is a joint venture of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation with the Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

(b) 4.5 million tonnes per annum.

(c) Because of the delay in completion of berth by the Port Trust, the project is now expected to be completed by September, 1985 as against the scheduled date of March, 1985.

(d) The estimated freight savings are expected to be around Rs. 20 crores per annum at full capacity utilisation.

Complaints regarding Non-delivery of packets of News Papers etc.

1785. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are repeated complaints about non-delivery of packets of newspapers, journals or periodical sent even under recorded delivery being raised by various publishing Houses, Newspapers and trade unions;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure safe delivery of packets sent under Recorded Delivery and how the proof of delivery is maintained;

(c) if no proof of delivery is maintained what is the efficiency of the recorded delivery system; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider concessional registration charges for small journals/news papers owned by non-profit making organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

(d) No charges are levied for the Registration of Newspapers/journals which fulfil certain conditions for availing the concessional postage rates. Once registered they have the facility of concessional tariff rates for transmission by post.

Adulteration in diesel and petrol

1786. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any adulteration has been found in diesel and petrol;

(b) whether any periodical check is made; and

(c) how many defaulters have been found out and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some cases of suspected adulteration of diesel and petrol have been reported.

(b) Regular inspections and random checks of retail outlets are conducted by the Oil Companies, and State Civil Supplies authorities.

(c) During the period January to May, 1985, 21 cases of suspected adultration/failure of diesel/petrol samples were detected. Action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines has been taken.

Reorganisation of Oil Industry

1787. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the possibility of reorganising the entire oil Industry by introducing the concept of a holding company;

(b) whether separate companies are envisaged to be established for drilling, exploration, refining, marketing, etc.;

(c) if so, what are the broad outlines of the proposals and its financial implications; and

(d) whether while considering revamping of oil industry, Government propose to consider the question of having regional marketing companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Dual Price Policy of Kerosene

1788. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 540 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the difficulties experienced by State Government and Union Territories that lead to withdrawal of dual price policy of kerosene; and

(b) whether the States are not in a position to supply required quantity of kerosene to industries from their domestic consumer quota and whether Government propose to consider any other alternative to help the State requiring kerosene for industrial purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) Problems faced by the States and Territories in enforcing dual pricing of kerosene included:

(i) Difficulties in identification of weak and vulnerable sections of the society to whom subsidised kerosene was to be distributed.

(ii) Inadequacy of distribution system to ensure effective implementation of dual pricing.

(iii) Possibility of large scale malpractices and diversion of subsidised kerosene by dealers.

(b) Kerosene allocations are mainly meant for domestic fuel and lighting needs. In cases of technological necessity, States and Union Territories can release it for industrial use also from out of their allocation.

Shifting of Rajkot GPO

1789. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 535 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether construction of new building at the site of Rajkot G.P.O. has started;

(b) when the tenders were called for, accepted and order to start the construction was given;

(c) what is the tendered amount accepted, with the name of the contractors; and

(d) when the rented building for GPO was occupied and how much rent has been paid till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tenders were called for on 26-3-84. accepted on 1-6-84 and order to start construction was given on 13-8-84.

(c) Tendered amount accepted is Rs. 69,77,373.75. Name of the contractor is M|s. Jeevan Construction Company, Rajkot.

(d) Rented building was occupied on 18-6-83 on rent of Rs. 22,000 per month. Rent paid upto 31st July, 1985 is Rs. 5,63,200.

Telephone Connections in Gujarat State

1790. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the registration for various categories of telephone connections have been made at various places in the Districts of Baroda, Surat, Chhota Udaipur in Gujarat